



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED: March 2, 2016

REPORT NO: 16-023

ATTENTION: Charter Review Committee

SUBJECT: Relocating Legislative Activity Found Throughout the Charter to Article III – The City Council.

REFERENCE:

REQUESTED ACTION: Move Charter sections addressing legislative activity to Article III, including but not limited to sections 270 – The Council, 275 – Introduction and Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions, 280 – Approval or Veto of Council Actions by Mayor, 285 – Enactment Over Veto, 290 – Council Consideration of Salary Ordinance and Budget: Special Veto Power and 295 – When Resolutions and Ordinances Take Effect; Emergency Measures.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the requested action.

SUMMARY:

The requested action is to relocate and consolidate primarily legislative activity found throughout the Charter in Article 3 – The City Council. March 23, 2016 Charter Review Committee will consider relocating and consolidating primarily executive activity found throughout the Charter in Article 4 – The Mayor.

Charters and constitutions typically describe the activities of their legislative and executive branches in those branches' respective articles. Until 2006, the City of San Diego's legislative and executive activities were located in Article 3 – Legislative Power and Article 4 – The Mayor.

In 2005, the authors and proponents of the Strong Mayor form of government presented that new form of governance to the voters in one complete new Article 15 – Strong Mayor. A decade later, the Mayor – Council form of government is established and relocating primarily legislative and executive activities to their historically assigned Articles would be less confusing and more appropriate.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION: None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: None

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: None

Originating Department: Council District 1